



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 9813
Gerhard COUFAL : Docket No. 2001-0462A
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING PURE
MELAMINE

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 13, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 to 11 as follows:

1. (~~Amended~~) A method for producing pure melamine wherein the melamine melt prepared from urea in a high-pressure process, optionally after stripping of the off-gases and optionally after dwelling in an ageing container, is cooled to a temperature which is about 1 to 50°C above the melting point of melamine dependent on the respective ammonia pressure, with the addition of ammonia, after which either
- quenching is effected with water or an aqueous ammonia- and/or melamine-containing solution or suspension and the melamine is solidified - or
 - quenching is effected with cold liquid or gaseous ammonia, the melamine solidifying and then being further cooled in a second step with water or an aqueous ammonia- and/or melamine-containing solution or suspension and